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## **Program Co-ordination for the MLA project Climate Change Adaptation for Southern Australian Livestock**

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## Achievement

### criteria:

- Delivery of 'trial' website for CCASLI outcomes to RIRDC, MLA and partners. Finalisation of various components of B.SBP.0080 - SLA 2030 (e.g. communication material, final reports, audits, unspent funds etc.)
- Completed

## Abstract

The SLA2030 project has been completed although some final arrangements relating to the website may require some further input. The final reports have been completed and approved by DAFF; a final report in MLA format has been completed and approved by MLA; an independent audit has been completed and submitted to DAFF; numerous communication documents have been produced; a web site has been developed and has been live since July 2013; communication plans in relation to the website have been developed and forwarded to MLA; while negotiations are continuing between RIRDC and MLA in relation to ongoing management of the website, resolution should occur soon; and research gaps from SALA2030 have been fed into industry discussions regarding future RD&E (most recently at an industry workshop in September).

The project has established excellent baseline data on potential climate change impacts and adaptations, which will be of use to producers, research organisations and policy makers for years to come.

## Project objectives

- Oversee the completion of the SLA 2030 project (e.g. final reports, unspent funds, independent audit, preparation of communication materials, liaise with industry partners etc.)
- Oversee the completion of the website for project outcomes to the point of 'testing' to MLA RIRDC and SLA partners.
- Manage other activities as determined by the program Steering Committee within the scope of the CCASLI program subject to funding approval from the partners (MLA, Dairy Australia and AWI). These may include but not be limited to preparation of communication material; arranging an R&D scoping workshop; and organising a benefit-cost evaluation of continuing RDE investment in climate change adaptation.

## Success in achieving milestone

This project, which was an extension to the previous 'Program Co-ordination for the MLA project Climate Change Adaptation for Southern Australian Livestock' has been completed. Due to a range of factors, the project has taken longer than initially expected, including:

- the complexity involved in developing a website to house all the research findings at a regional level arising from the SLA2030 project; and
- negotiations with CCRSPI / RIRDC to transfer the management of the website.

Looking forward, the key findings and research gaps from SLA2030 have been fed into industry discussions deliberating on future RD&E needs within the climate change adaptation and mitigation space. This has taken place in late 2012 and more recently in the June to September 2013 period.

Activities undertaken against the project objectives and outputs achieved were as follows:

- *Oversee the completion of the SLA 2030 project (e.g. final reports, unspent funds, independent audit, preparation of communication materials, liaise with industry partners etc.) – **completed**.*

In addition to the Final Report submitted to DAFF in July 2012, a final report in MLA's format was prepared and approved by MLA in May 2013. Negotiations were undertaken with DAFF in relation to unspent project funds – these were subsequently returned to DAFF. The independent audit was completed and accepted. Numerous communication materials were developed relating to both the overall project and more recently the website.

- *Oversee the completion of the website for project outcomes to the point of 'testing' to MLA RIRDC and SLA partners - **completed***

The sla2030 website was under preparation for 18 months (see [www.sla2030.net.au](http://www.sla2030.net.au)). Development required the re-configuration of all regional data analysis and collation of all other research outputs. The site went 'live' in July 2013 following a 6 month period of testing. In 2012, negotiations commenced with CCRSPI to manage the website as it had broader application than just livestock. This was agreed to but became slightly more complicated when the management of CCRSPI was transferred from university of Melbourne to RIRDC in early 2013. Negotiations have continued with RIRDC over the period and are nearing completion. At the same time, arrangements for hosting and maintaining the site have been put in place with the website designer L Cubed.

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An array of communication material has been prepared – both for the project overall as well as specific material for the launch of the website. This has all been provided to MLA. The benefit costs analysis was not undertaken due to a lack of funds, but the suggestion has been carried forward via MLA's deliberations in relation to future RD&E opportunities for climate change adaptation. A range of other actions have been taken during the period including attending the CCRSPI conference (December 2012) to further promote the project (several papers describing SLA2030 or referring to this work were presented) along with general administration and managing follow

up enquiry and correspondence for the project.

The legacy of the entire SLA2030 project is that it has established excellent baseline data on potential climate change impacts and adaptations, which will be of use to producers, research organisations and policy makers for years to come

### **Recommendations**

1. Continue to promote the website
2. Continue to seek opportunities to progress RD&E gaps as identified during this project

### **Appendices**

The SLA2030 website can be found at [www.slw2030.net.au](http://www.slw2030.net.au) or [www.sla2030.org.au](http://www.sla2030.org.au)

Functional specifications and a quick reference guide for the website were appended to the May 2013 milestone report.